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 TAGS: PFUR, PL05, TD
 SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS
 REF: STATE 85109

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER CUTHBERT JOSEPH APRIL 14 TO PRESENT COPIES OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH ON THE LAW OF THE SEA AND TO DISCUSS THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED IN REFTEL. I EMPHASIZED OUR HOPE THAT THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE WOULD CONCLUDE SUCCESSFULLY AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WE BELIEVED THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS WOULD MAKE. I STRESSED OUR CONCERN THAT AN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT PLACE ONLY THE MINIMUM NECESSARY RESTRICTIONS ON RESEARCH DONE IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE, THAT IT PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR THE BINDING SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND THAT IT DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF THE EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES BEYOND THE ECONOMIC ZONE.

2. DR. JOSEPH SAID THAT HE SHARED OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE CONFERENCE REACHING A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. HE SAID THAT HE HAD JUST BEGUN READING A TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH WHICH HAD BEEN SENT DOWN BY THE T&T DELEGATION IN NEW YORK AND THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS AND THE OTHER ISSUES BEFORE THE CONFERENCE WITH LENNOX BALLAH, THE HEAD OF THE T&T DELEGATION. AFTER THIS DISCUSSION HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO COMMENT SUBSTANTIALLY ON THE U.S. PROPOSALS.
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